

Amendments to the Specification:

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a sound device (SD4), connected to a computer [(P1)], for handling of asynchronously ~~transferred~~ transferred digital audio packets [(5)] on a network [(LAN1)]. The computer has an interface [(3)] connected to a telephony application [(1)], a driver [(D3)] and a bus [(4)]. The sound device [(SD1)] is connected [(9)] via the bus [(4)] and includes a software frame buffer [(B2)], codecs [(C2)] and an A/D-D/A converter [(AD2)], which is connected to in/out devices [(10,11,12)]. The sound packets [(5)] are ~~transferred~~ transferred asynchronously through the computer [(P1)], are buffered in the sound device frame buffer [(B2)], decoded in the codec [(C2)] and D/A converted into an analog signal for the in/out devices. Speech to the in devices [(11,12)] is processed in a corresponding manner. Having the buffer [(B2)] close to the codec [(C2)] enables processing of the sound packets, e.g. with respect to the varying time delay in the computer [(P1)], restoring lost packets and producing replacement frames. The sound device [(SD1)] relieves the computer [(P1)] of the heavy workload of processing the sound packets [(5)].